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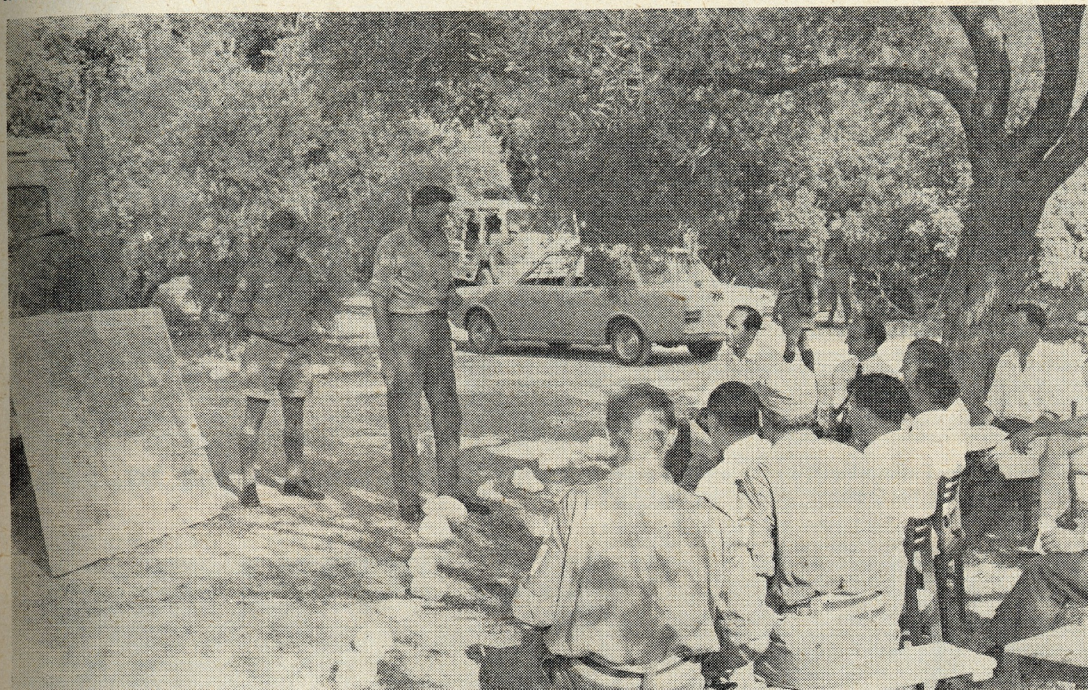
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HIGH RANKING VISITORS

Into Cyprus last week flew a party of 16 Senior Officers and Civil Servants who are attending a year's course at the Imperial Defence College, London.

The party which was led by the Hon Alastair Buchan CBE included members from Britain, The Commonwealth and other Allied Countries.

Their stay in the Island included a visit to HQ UNFICYP for a briefing on the Cyprus problem and the role being played by the UN Force. Afterwards the party split into smaller groups and visited different Districts to observe for themselves the types of duties which UN troops are performing.

● At Kykko Camp some members of the party are seen being briefed by Lieutenant Colonel E.T. Lethovirta before leaving for a tour of Finnish Contingent Observation Posts.

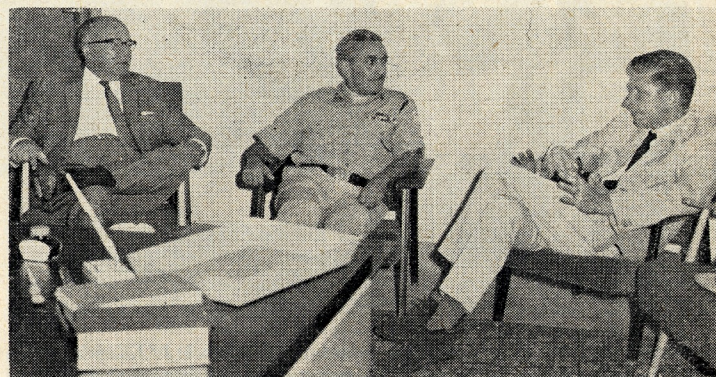
New Administrator Visits HQ UNFICYP

On 2nd July Air Marshal W. D. Hodgkinson, CB, CBE, DFC, AFC, assumed the appointments of Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas, Commander British Forces Near East and Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Near East Air Force.

Last week the new administrator paid a visit to HQ UNFICYP and had talks with the Force Commander and the Special Representative, Mr. Osorio-Tafall.

● Air Marshal W. D. Hodgkinson and Major General D. Prem Chand.

● The Administrator inspects the Guard-of-Honour provided by Dancon.



● The Honourable Alastair Buchan (Right) engaged in discussion with the UN Special Representative Mr. Osorio-Tafall and the Force Commander Major General D. Prem Chand.

3 Million Dollars To UNFICYP

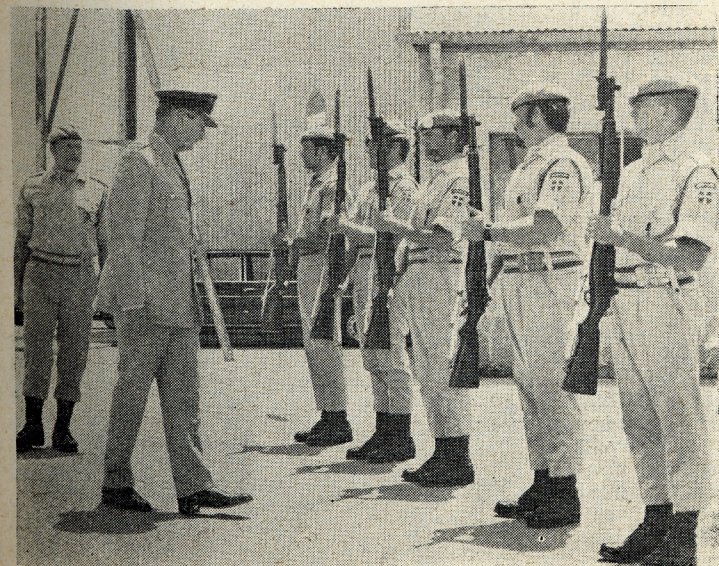
The United States is prepared to make a contribution of up to 3 million Dollars toward the cost of UNFICYP for the period ending 15th December, 1970.

The amount ultimately contributed by the United States against this pledge will depend upon contributions made by other governments toward the costs of the operation and the confirmation of the cost estimates. If the cost estimates are reduced as a result of a reduction in size of the Force or other developments, the United States contribution could be correspondingly reduced. This pledge raises the cumulative total of the United States pledges to UNFICYP to 52.1 million Dollars. Taking into account the United States position that 40 percent is its appropriate share of the costs of the Cyprus operation, the United States reserves the right to make such adjustments in the level of its pledges as it may deem appropriate in relation to the 40 percent principle.

The US Permanent Representative to United Nations, Mr. Charles Yost,

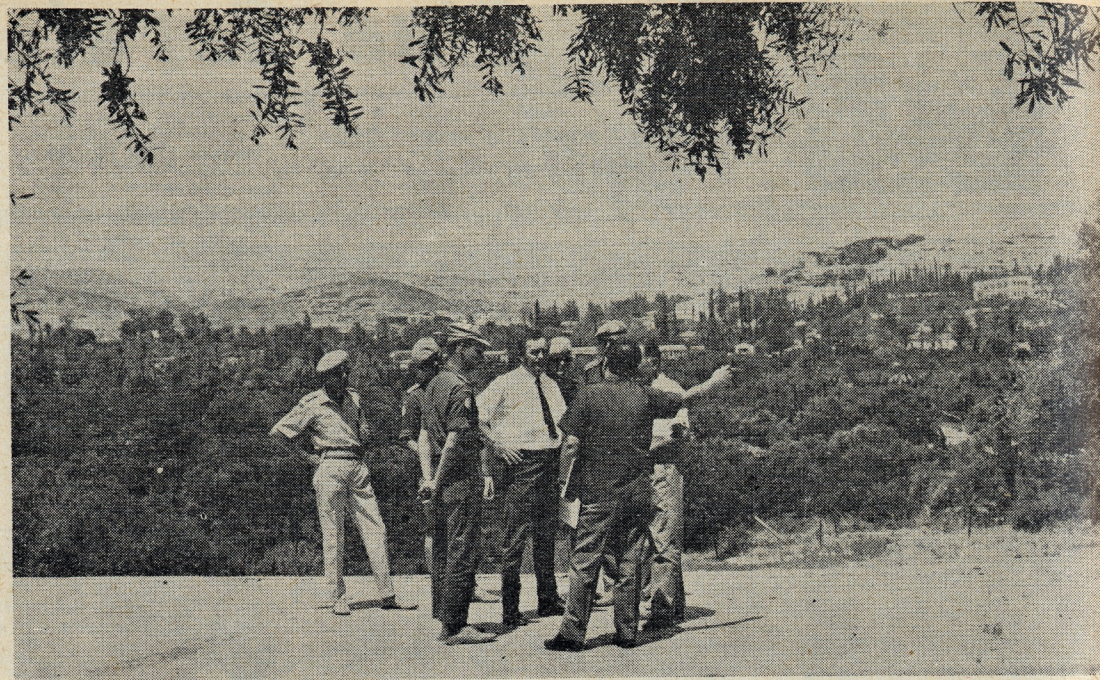
in his letter to the Secretary-General, U Thant, also says:

"As noted in the statement made in the Security Council by ambassador Buffum, 9th June, 1970, it would be most unfortunate if measures undertaken by UNFICYP to lower costs were to lead Members to believe that the financial crisis had passed. It is evident from this pledge that the United States intends to meet its obligations. But the United States does not believe it should assume the disproportionate share of what is common responsibility, and that is the reason for the matching requirement upon which this pledge is conditioned."

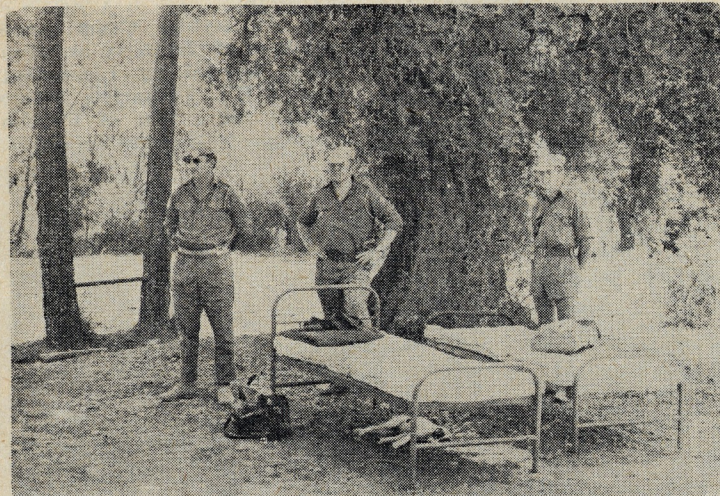


LEFKA - LEJREN EN SAGA BLOTT

Lefka-lejren, som efter Dancons overtagelse af Lefka distrikt blev bemandet af Alfa kompagniet, er nu blevet helt brudt ned, kun de støbte fundamenter er tilbage og røber skuepladsen for mange mindeværdige begivenheder. Lejren var ualmindeligt smukt beliggende med en skøn udsigt over Lefka bys palmer og orangelunde, hvilket også fremgår tydeligt af billederne, som er taget ved tilbageleveringen.



Detaljer i afleveringen drøftes mellem repræsentanter for regeringen og Dancon officerer. Man står på et af de støbte fundamenter med udsigt over Lefka



Efter nedbrydningen af de sidste bygninger i Lefka-lejren måtte vagtmandskabet tilbringe dag og nat under åben himmel. Sidste vagtold bestående af konstabel P.S.Mad-

sen og konstabel J.O.Kastberg ses her stående ved sengene sammen med motorvognsfører konstabel H.E. Hansen længst til venstre klar til at forlade lejren for sidste gang.



DANCON NYT

I billedets midte ses ejeren af jorden og Lefkas muhtar, som tager del i afleveringsforretningen og de dermed forbundne forhandlinger om erstatning og lignende.

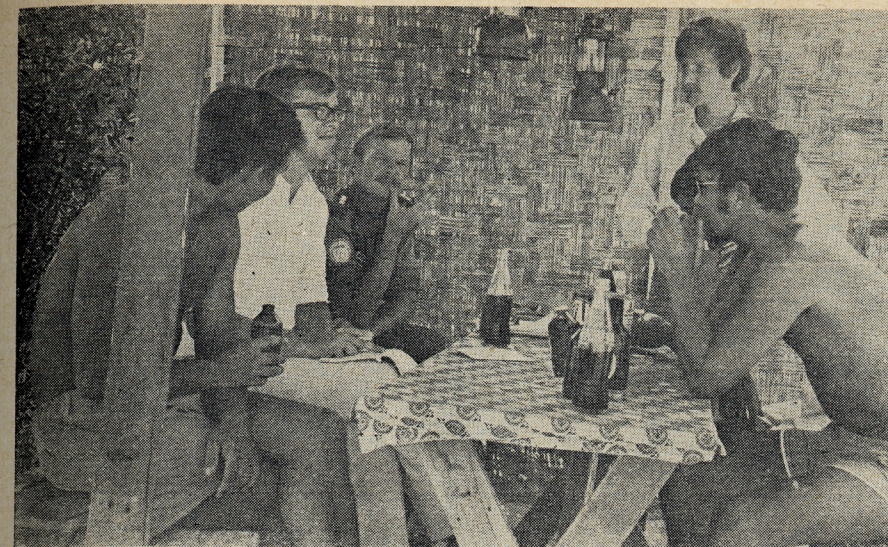
OGSÅ VELFÆRDSOFFICER

Reduktionerne af de danske styrker på Cypern har paa det sidste også medført ændringer i Dancon XIII's organisation. Adjutan-ten, kaptajn P.A. Lauritsen, har således nu oventaget posten som velfærdsofficer.

For adskillige måneder siden blev det bestemt, at der ikke længer skulle være nogen fast dansk velfærdsofficer, men at posten skulle besættes af en af officererne i bataljonsstaben.



"Skæv rotation" er et fænomen, som forekommer i ethvert FN kontingents funktionstid og inden for alle grader af tjenesten. Af og til dukker nye ansigter op til afløsning af nogle kendte, som forsvinder efter udløbet af deres forskudte funktionstid. Her er det premierløjtnant K. M. Pedersen til venstre, som har meldt sig tjeneste som vagtofficer for Dancon til afløsning af sekondløjtnant E. Eriksen til højre.



PRESS- BESÖK

på SWEDCON har inte varit så vanligt under 44-ornas tid. Till 'cypriotiska' valen hörde emellertid Sydsvenska Dagbladet Snällposten från Malmö av sig. Ett besök uppe i Chatos ingick i programmet. Det blev snack "i bersån" om tjänsten m. m. Ovan fr. v.: Bengt Forslund, Enstaberga, red Janerik Larsson, Malmö, stabsred Phär Stefansson, Stockholm, fotograf Per Roland Nilsson, Malmö, Sture Åsberg, Mariannelund och Henry Andersson, Uddevalla. Den senare intonerade "Liten trumpetkonsert" (OP 101) av Chozart till gästernas ära, ovan t.h.

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



GENERALS- BESÖK

på CGC hade vi förra veckan. Det var generalmajor Gösta Odqvist, chef för första flygeskadern, som "tittade in" i samband med sista SCACYP. Han var här i första hand för att se på C 130-flighterna. Här ovan generalen tillsammans med fru Marianne Lavén efter middag på offmässen.

NYA SKYLTEN PÅ CGC

kom upp i alla fall. Bättre sent än aldrig. Och snygg blev den. Nedan. Liten undring bara: Varför Gustav i stället för Gustaf? Och sköldarna, sitter dom inte upp och ned? ("En som aldrig frågat förr.") Nåväl, grabbarna som gjorde't är fr. v. Evert Nilson, Umeå, Ingemar Öberg Örnsköldsvik, Dennis Carlsson, Skärblacka, Mats Haraldsson, Västerås, Peter Vestman, Storuman, Ulf Larsson, Hasslarp, och Sonne Lundmark, Nyköping.

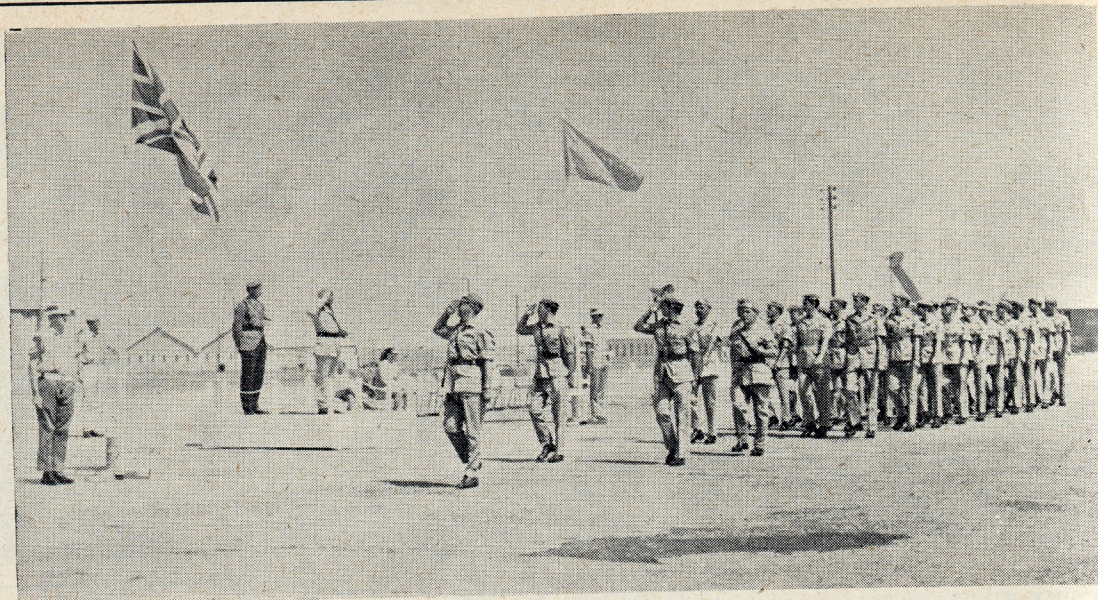


HEADQUARTER CONTINGENT MEDAL PARADE

On Thursday 9th July, 12 all ranks drawn from many different Regiments and Corps paraded under Major Norman Joplin RA, the Camp Commandant to receive their United Nations Peace Keeping Medal for service in Cyprus.

The presentations were made by the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand who was accompanied by the Commander Britcon, Colonel D.B. Riddell-Webster.

• The Force Commander congratulates Lance Corporal Jim Newbury on receiving his medal. Lance Corporal Newbury who comes from Liverpool has completed six and a half years service which has also taken him to Bahrain and Aden. He is at present employed as a flight clerk with the Headquarters Army Aviation Flight.



• The parade march past the saluting dias.



BAND SUCCESS AT CURIUM

On the evening of Friday 3rd July 1970 a magnificent band concert was given at Curium by the bands of The Prince of Wales Own Regiment of Yorkshire conducted by Mr T Platts, ARCM and the 3rd Battalion Light Infantry conducted by Mr S James LGSM, ARCM.

Playing to a near capacity and most appreciative audience the combined band gave a very polished performance with a programme of music which catered for all tastes.

Highlights of the evening were the trumpet trio, 'Trumpets Wild', the essential fantasy 'In a Persian Market' in which the band produced some very authentic animal and market noises and the Slavonic Rhapsody No 2 by Friedman

during which Corporal Brian Edwards played an inspired and moving clarinet solo. So popular was this concert that a repeat performance will be given at Curium on Friday 28th August 1970.

• In the picture below Mr James is accepting the audience's applause for one of the pieces played during the concert.



MOMENTS OF APPREHENSION

Waiting to throw 36 grenades below are left, Corporal Donald Budge, centre Private John Butler and right Private Charles Bevan, all of 5 platoon 3rd Battalion Light Infantry.



Corporal Budge is an experienced NCO with nine and a half years service. Private Butler is a single man and has only been in the Army for one year. His home town is in Wolverhampton and this is his first overseas tour. Private Bevan has served for two and a half years.

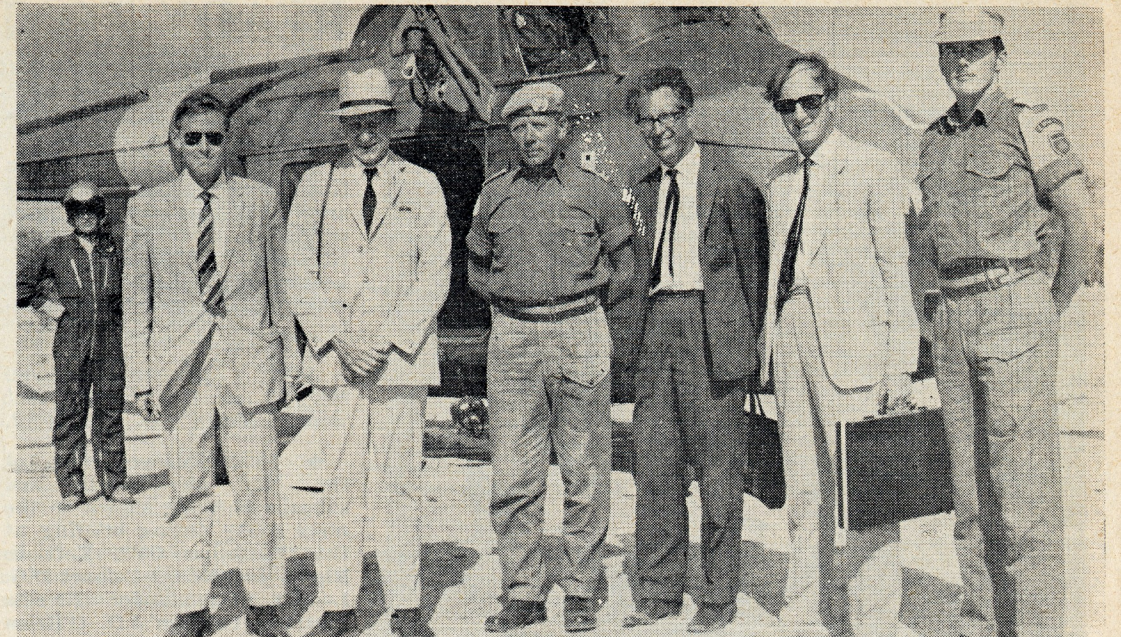
He is single and his home town is Welshpool. During his service he has already visited Malaya and Mauritius.

BRITCON NEWS

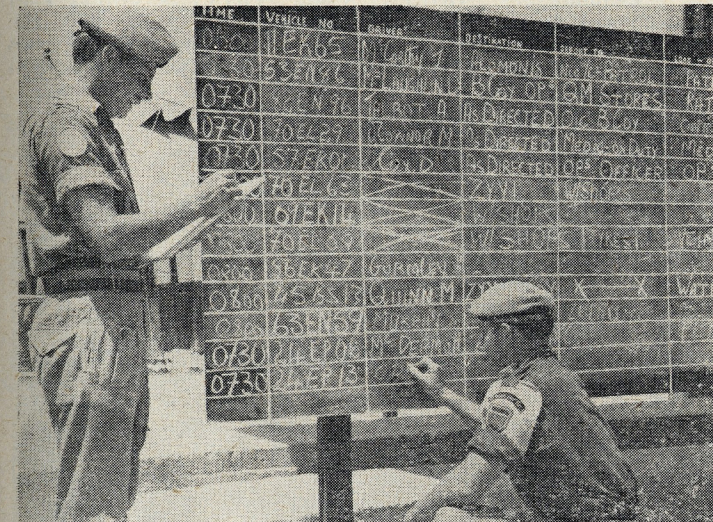
IMPERIAL DEFENCE COLLEGE VISIT

On Tuesday 7th July the Directing Staff and students of the Imperial Defence College, London visited UNFICYP.

One group which included the tour leader, visited the 18th Infantry Group at Kophinou and Larnaca and having been briefed on the situation in the Larnaca District, the group was taken on a tour of the area. They visited the observation posts and talked to the men on duty.



• Our photograph above shows the group at Kophinou. Left to right, Brigadier D.B. Wood, The Honourable A. Buchan CBE, tour leader, Commandant Bill Bunworth Officer Commanding "B" Company, 18th Infantry Group, Mr. M.S. Morris, Group Captain A.D. Dick, CBE, Lieutenant Jim Lally, Operations Officer 'B' Company.



PRIDE OF DONEGAL

That well known song "The Pride of Donegal" should contain an extra verse referring to its excellent soldiers on duty with UNFICYP.

Donegal men are proud of their traditions and past record and this group shown right are keeping up the good standard. They belong to 'B' Company stationed at Kophinou.

• Front row left to right, Privates Eamonn McElroy Merville, Joe Gallagher Lifford, Charles Harvey Lifford, Danny McLoughlin Lifford, P.J. Doherty Letterkenny.

Back row, Lieutenant Deilan O'Carroll Bundoran, Corporal Tom Cassidy Bundoran, Private Malachy Gormley Lifford, Private Michael McDermott Lifford, Corporal Danny O'Donnell Letterkenny and Corporal Danny Kerrigan Ballyshannon.



BROTHERS FROM DERRY

Two brothers who are serving with 'B' Company at Kophinou are Paddy and Christy Barr who hail from Derry City. Both are stationed in Costume Barracks Athlone.

Paddy is in the 6th Battalion and Christy is in the 4th Garrison Supply and Transport. They are both married and are living in Sarsfield Square, Athlone. Paddy who is eight years in the Army has four children and Christy who has completed four years soldiering has one child. Left we see Paddy calling out the transport detail to Christy.

IRCON NEWS



READY TO TAKE ON JOB

A party from the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, led by Lieutenant-Colonel T.M. Marsaw has returned home to Victoria, British-Columbia, after a short visit to Cyprus.

The party was here on a five-day reconnaissance of the area, mission and facilities which the battalion will inherit when it takes over peace-keeping duties with the Canadian Contingent here in October.

With Lieutenant-Colonel Marsaw on this recent visit were: Major D. Bamford,

Deputy Commanding Officer; Captain J.O. O'Brien, Operations Officer; Major D.A. Harris, Officer Commanding Support Company; Captain J. Watanabe, Quartermaster; Chief Warrant Officer V.H. Carlton, Regimental Sergeant Major; Sergeant V.G. Lauzon, Pioneer Sergeant; and Sergeant E.R. Brimblecombe, Chief Clerk.

● Near-birdseye view of the city of Nicosia and suburbs is being shown to the recce party during briefing at the "battalion OP". Left to Right: Lieutenant-Colonel D.G. Loomis, Commander Nicosia District; Captain J.O. O'Brien (in background), Operations Officer for 3 PPCLI; Major Bob Hersey, Officer Commanding, 1RCR's Alpha Company; Lieutenant-Colonel T.M. Marsaw, Commanding Officer, 3PPCLI; and Major D. Bamford, Deputy Commanding Officer.

● Snatching a quick meal during the busy orientation tour of the Contingent area are Chief Warrant Officers V.H. Carlton and R.W. Craig, Sergeants-Major of the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment respectively. Other NCO's on the PPCLI recce party included Pioneer Sergeant V.G. Lauzon and Chief Clerk Sergeant E.R. Brimblecombe who got the good word from their opposite numbers with the present contingent.

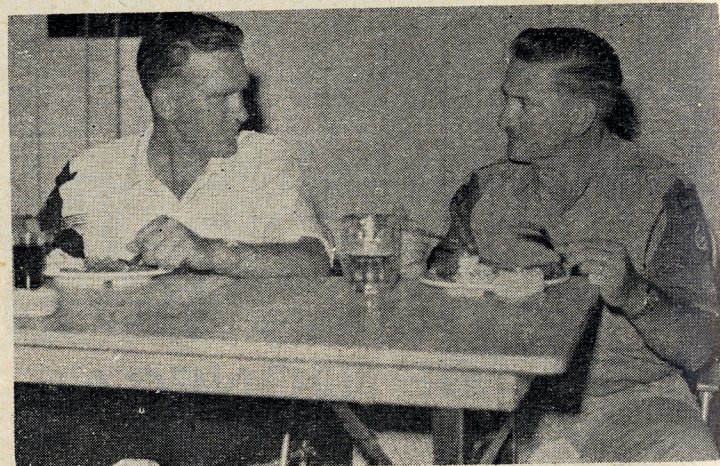


GOOD QUESTION! "And what do I do with all this brown stuff now that the new green is in" seems to ask Captain J. Watanabe (left) 3PPCLI Quartermaster.... and for the first time Captain John VanWill, the present QM, looks stuck for an answer. Officers and men of

3PPCLI have all been issued with the new green uniform of the Canadian Forces.

BAND CONCERTS

Despite their twice-delayed arrival in Cyprus, the musicians of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Band sounded their first note a mere 20 minutes late for their first concert given at the Ancient Theatre in Salamis. The band arrived from Germany on Thursday afternoon and less than three hours later, in the best showbiz tradition — "the show must go on" — were playing the Salamis engagement. Subsequent concerts in Nicosia and Kyrenia on Saturday and Sunday were well attended and appreciated by UNFICYP members, tourists and local population alike.

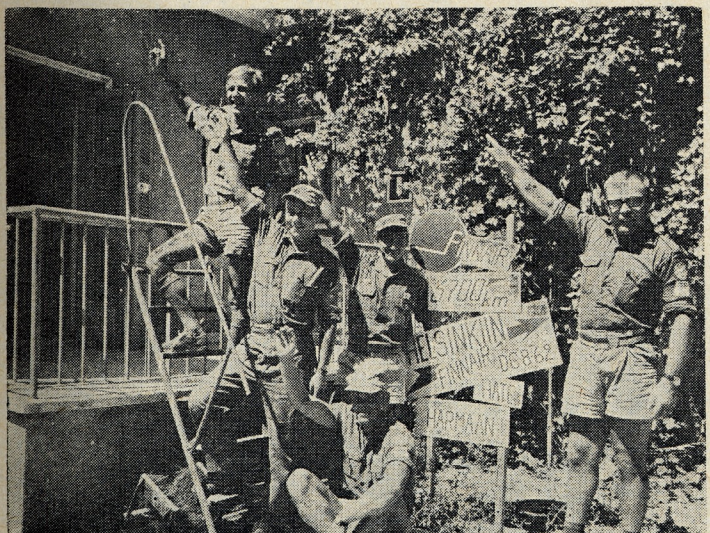


Vihreän linjan viestin ensimmäinen vaihto. Vasemmalta EK:n joukueen väpö Hautanemi ja jääk Timo Ruoste, keskellä 2JK:n jääkärit Jorma Nikkilä ja Aatto Häkkinen sekä oikealla 1JK:n kers Yrjö Kontsas ja alik Paavo Mattila.



Viestin voittajat (vas.) ltn Koskinen, jääk Larjanne, ylik Ahola, jääk Alimattila, kers Hakkarainen, ltn Ketolainen, jääk Häkkinen ja jääk Nikkilä.

FINCON NEWS



Lähestyvän rotaation merkiksi on esikunta-alueen alipseerimiseen jätetty jälle ilmestynyt "Finnairin portaat". Niillä voi sitten harjoitella luontevaa koneeseen nousua. Koneita tähyttämässä ja nousua harjoittamassa vasemmalta jääkärit Pekka Pokkinen, Veikko Heikkilä, Yrjö Mustonen, Eero Hiltunen sekä sotilasmestari Reino Soininen.

Vuoristokomppanian pojat juoksivat linjalla parhaiten

Torstaina 9.7 juostiin jälleen perinteellinen Vihreän linjan viesti. Reitti kulki nimensä mukaisesti pitkien vihreitä linjoja Neapoliksen ja Trakhonaksen alueella. Reitin pituus oli n.2,8 km ja se juostiin 8 miehisin joukkuein. Juoksulla on vahvat perinteet, sitähän on juostu aina YKSP:n alkupäivistä saakka. Näin ollen juoksun voittaminen on tavoiteltua ja siitä onkin muodostunut eräs pataljoonan tärkeimmistä urheilutapahtumista. Moilempien osapuolten ihmettelevien katseiden alla käytiin kovaa taiste-

lua paikasta auringossa. Taisivatpa siinä ensi hämmästyksensä toivuttuaan osapuoletkin kannustaa irtavissa suin pinkovia kilpailijoita. Tällä kertaa paras oli vuoristokomppanian joukkue joka kovan taistelun jälkeen katkaisi ensimmäisenä maalinauhan. Vuoren kova-kuntoisissa joukkueissa juoksivat ltn Kauko Ketolainen, ltn Markku Koskinen, ylik Risto Ahola, kers Toivo Hakkarainen, jääkärit Jorma Nikkilä, Aatto Häkkinen, Lasse Alimattila ja Jorma Larjanne. (Saha)



Englantilaisen sotakorkeakoulun, Imperial Defence College'n jäseniä vieraili Finconin vuoristokomppaniassa 7.7. Tjklöksessä vieraita "briifasivat" evl E Lehtovirta ja kapt J Ehrnroth. Maj E Chydenius johti vieraat vartiopaikka Satulaan, jossa ltn K Ketolainen selosti vartiopaikan sijaintia ja tehtäviä. Kuvassa evl E Lehtovirta (vas.), vieraat, maj E Simola, kapt O Panula, kapt J Ehrnroth ja seisomassa maj E Chydenius.

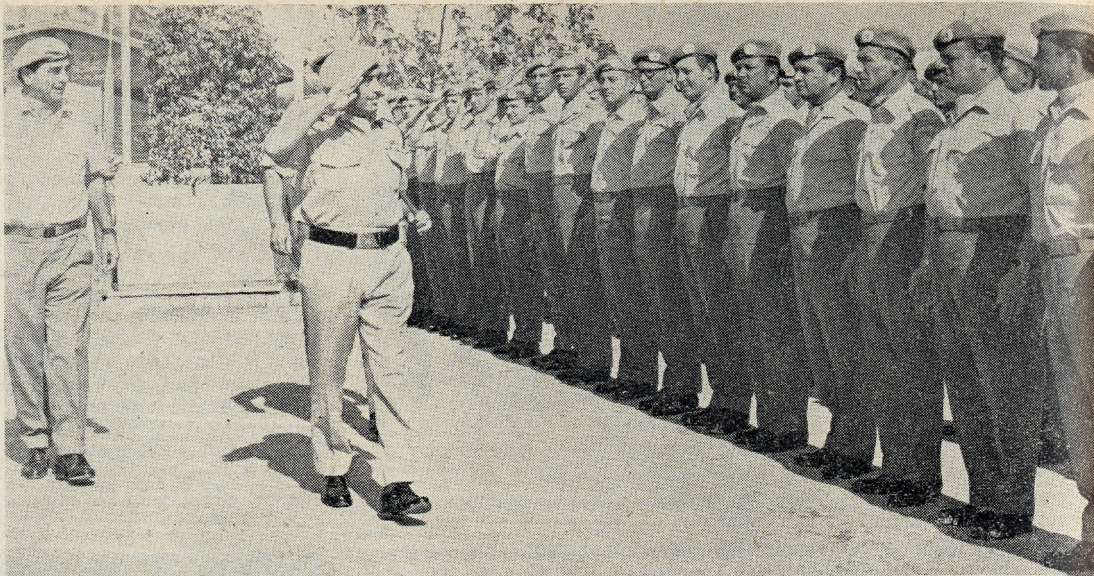
Virkistävää irtaantumisen päiväpalveluksesta Panayia Kriniotissa

Luostarit ovat katumuksen ja itsensä rankaisemisen paikkoja. Oli jälleen vietetty pataljoonassamme "kotiseutujuhla", ja seitsemän syntistä lähti toivoretkelle Kyrenian vuoristoon Panayia Kriniotissa luostariin tyyntäköön oman tunnon ääntä. Autolla nousiin ylös vuorelle pilvien tuntumaan ja oli paikka maisemissa lakeuksien pojille ihmettelemistä. Autot jätettiin ja jatkettiin kävelen kunnes vanhan luostarin rauniot olivatkin edessämme. Vähän arkaillen astuttiin tyhjään holvikirkkoon, jossa edellisten toivoretkeläisten tuohukset vielä paloivat. Papin johdolla veisattiin laulu: "Maa on niin kaunis". Oli taas jatkettava matkaa ja kivistä, ikivanhaa polkua pitkin. Se muistutti mieleen, että elämän polku on joskus kivinen ja kaita, jos oikein elää. Ei se aina ole nautintojen bulevardia. Oli tuo polku myös Kyproksen uudemman historian liittyvä sisäsiura. Siinä olivat tukeat miehet

ennenkin tallanneet ja taistelussa kaatuneet. Nyt ei onneksi kaatunut yhtään paitsi väsymyksestä tauolla leipäpuun siimeksessä. Jo rupeisi mielessä kangastamaan suuri huuruinen olutpullo, niin jano vaivasi. Ei jano ja väsymyksen ahdistus kestänyt enää kauan. Kohta olikin alapuolellamme Lapithoksen kylä ja sen ihmeellinen vuoresta pulppuva vesilähde. Jo oli vesi ihanaa nähdä ja maistella. Janoina ja pölyisenä osasi antaa arvoa kirkkaalle lähdevedelle. Eikä ollut kaukana enää se iso ja huuruinen olutpullokaan. Siinä sitten istuttiin kebabravintolassa väsyneinä ja onnellisina, mieli virkistyneinä ja sydän avartuneena elämälle, sen pienille vaikeille ja illoille. Tätä kaikkea täydensi vielä vuorikomppaniassa saatu sauna ja uinti. Supareissu, mutta tulihan tehtyä merkiksi sotilaspastori.

NEW COMMANDER FOR AUSTRIAN FIELD HOSPITAL

On Tuesday 7th July 1970 the Force Commander paid an official visit to the Austrian Field Hospital on the occasion of the handing over of command by Colonel Robert Wech MD to his successor Lieutenant Colonel L. Effenberger.



● Major General D. Prem Chand accompanied by Colonel Wech inspects the unit on parade.



● Lieutenant Colonel Effenberger greets the Force Commander.

British Govern- ment Pledge

"... In this 25th Anniversary of the United Nations, which opens the Second Development Decade, my Government will lend their full support to international efforts to strengthen peace, to promote disarmament and to further world economic development..."

(Her Majesty the Queen at the State Opening of Parliament).

Change of Guard

● The changing of the Guard at HQ UNFICYP on Monday 13th July was witnessed by a larger than usual crowd of spectators no doubt attracted by the presence of the band of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry who played during the ceremony. Both the new guard from Ircon and the old guard from Dancon are to be congratulated on their performance on parade.



CONTRIBUTION TO UNFICYP

The Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, Heinrich Haymerle, has informed the Secretary-General, U Thant, that Austria's Government has decided to make a further contribution of 80,000 Dollars towards the costs of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus. The contribution represents the period of 31st December, 1969 until 15th June, 1970.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending		
11 July 70	—	6
Same Period		
Last Year	—	9
Total this year	—	214
Same Period		
Last Year	—	191

Main cause of accidents this week:

"Drivers putting car in gear, before brain."

